

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4, 10 and 12 are pending.

Claims 1, 10 and 12 are amended.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 5. The term "conventional" is deleted in step c). Step d) is amended to read mechanical compression dewatering. Support for this amendment may be found on page 6, lines 5-6.

The reverse phase polymer is more narrowly defined to reflect the showing. Support for this amendment may be found on page 9, lines 5-10.

Claim 10 is amended to make consistent with claim 1 upon which it depends.

Claim 12 is amended to more narrowly define the reverse phase polymer. Support for this amendment may be found on page 8, line 17.

No new matter is added.

Applicants submit that the present claims overcome the prior art and closely reflect the examples of the disclosure. As a results, applicants believe the present claims distinguish from the prior art and overcome all previous rejections.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation to recapture the broader scope of the original claims.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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